

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend Paragraph 001 as follows:

[0001] The present application is related to and hereby claims the priority benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/\_\_\_\_ (attorneys' docket no. ~~6728P001Z~~); 60/493,054, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Achieving Dynamic Capacity and High Availability in Multi-stage Data Networks Using Adaptive Flow-based Routing", filed August 5, 2003, incorporated herein by reference.